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title: Need for early disbursement of funds for development of backward district of Telangana.

SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR (KARIMNAGAR): Madam Speaker, I am raising a very important matter regarding release of special assistance for the development of Backward Districts. The erstwhile Planning Commission had identified 150 Backward Districts in the country. Nine out of 10 District in this list are from Telangana. For this reason, all the districts were eligible for the Backward Regions Grant Fund earlier.

Madam, as you are well aware, now, this Fund has no provision in the Budget. So, recognizing this, the NITI Aayog had recommended a grant of Rs. 700 crore to be given for the State of Telangana for the year 2015-16. Out of this amount, only Rs. 450 crore had been disbursed by the Ministry of Finance in the year 2015-16; and Rs. 250 crore is yet to be released.

Therefore, I would request the hon. Finance Minister to release a total of Rs. 700 crore for the year 2016-17 for our State, at the earliest.

Thank you.

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